THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir. Interest is to be paid by the Public Sector Undertakings on the borrowed funds.

(b) to (d) The Enterprisewise Share Capital, Loans, Profit earned and interest paid for the years 1991-92, 1990-91 and 1989-90 have been indicated in Vol. VIII of the Public Enterprises Survey for 1991-92 placed before Parliament on 26th Feb., 1993.

Assocham request for recodification of Companies Act, 1956

473. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India has requested Government to recodify the Companies Act, 1956; and

(b) what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

The Government proposes to introduce a Bill in the current session of the Parliament to repeal and re-enact the Companies Act. 1956.

राज्यों की विधान सभाओं के लिए चुनाव

474. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) देश के किन-किन राज्यों की विधान सभाओं के चुनाव होने शेष हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने चुनावों की तारीख निश्चित कर दी है ; और

(ग) यदि हां तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं।

विधि न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज):—(क) से (ग) इस समय, जम्मू-कश्मीर, उत्तर प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश, हिमाचल प्रदेश और राजस्थान राज्य राष्ट्रपति के शासन के अधीन है। इन सभी राज्यों की विधानसभाएं भंग कर दी गई हैं। इन राज्यों में निर्वाचन कराए जाने के बारे में विनिश्चय उपयुक्त समय पर किया जाएगा।

Writ Petition pending in the High Courts

475. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of writs are pending in the High Courts for a long time and as a result thereof the petitioners are not getting relief in time; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose for speedy disposal of writ petitions which are pending for a long time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The various recommendations made by the Arrears Committee which examined the problem of arrears in the Courts, covering various aspects like jurisdictional and procedural modifications/improvements in the judiciary; improvements in the infrastructural facilities including modernisation of office equipments in Courts and in day to day working of the Courts; setting up of alternative machinery for redressal of grievances by providing for statutory appeals, setting up of quasi-judicial forums and grievances cells or agencies with adequate remedial powers and creation of authorities to oversee the implementation of legislative and executive action; abolition of an appeal against the decision

or order of a Single Judge of the High Court rendered in the exercise of the Writ Jurisdiction to the Division Bench of the High Court, hearing of important and complex cases by the Division Bench etc., have been commended to all the concerned Central Ministries, State Governments|High Courts for necessary follow-up action.

Lok Adalats in Bihar

476. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Lok Adalats which have been held so far in Bihar after the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 came into force, with details thereof;

(b) what kinds of cases were generally covered and decided in such Lok Adalats and the number of cases actually settled therein; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to popularise Lok Adalats in the State of Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and (b) The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 is yet to come into force because a Bill to amend the Act, as passed by the Rajya Sabha is pending consideration of the Lok Sabha. Pending enforcement of the Act, various Legal Aid Programmes, including holding of Lok Adalats, adopted by the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes, are being implemented throughout the country. During the last five years, 16 Lok Adalats have been held in the State of Bihar, where 28,281 cases relating to civil, criminal miscellaneous and Motor Accident Claims were settled.

The Statement showing the details about the Lok Adalats held, cases settled and compensation paid, is placed on the Table of the House. (*See below*)

(c) The Bihar State Legal Aid Board is making endeavour to give publicity to the Legal Aid Programmes by holding Seminars, Legal Literacy Camps and distribution of pamphlets at exhibitions as well as in Sonpur fair.

Statement

The details about the Lok Adalats held, cases settled and compensation paid during 1987 and 1992 in the State of Bihar

(Based on the information received from the Bihar State Legal Aid Board)

Year	Place where Lok Adalat held	Date	Cases settled	Compensation paid
				Rs.
1987	Distt. Muzaffarpur	11-1-87	1000	—
1988	Vaishali	27-11-88	549	—
	Hazaribagh	10-4-88	1345	—
1989	Rohtas Distt.	4-10-89	5500	—
	Saran Distt.	30-9-89	2500	—
	Gopalganj	29-7-87	2139	—
1990	Bhojpur	20-1-90	6229	2,93,000
	Siwan	24-3-90	2903	—
	Purnia	29-7-90	1055	21,35,000
	Hazaribagh	5-8-90	34	16,65,840
	-do-	15-12-90	81	36,44,240
	Jamshedpur	12-5-90	80	4,52,500
1991	Nawada	12-5-91	482	—
	Sitamarhi	3-2-91	1907	1,00,000
	Begusarai	4-5-91	2002	6,49,000
	-do-	21-9-91	475	—
	Lok Adalat could be held by the State Legal Aid Board.			
	TOTAL		28281	